

## **KARO-ECHO Board Meeting**

**02/09/22**

**via Zoom**

### **Attendees:**

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Ruth Cazden	

### **Proposed agenda:**

- Club insurance discussion, ~\$200/year
- MOU update, feedback from discussion with Chief Janes
- Schedule of events/25th anniversary
- Discuss Member meeting agenda below
- New member form and website content

### **Topics discussed:**

#### **Club Insurance**

- Liability insurance is required for our use of the Kensington Community Center for in-person meetings. Club insurance is available through the ARRL at a cost of \$200/year and would satisfy the Kensington requirements.
- Ruth Cazden, insurance consultant, joined the meeting to clarify what the ARRL club insurance would and would not provide.
  - Provides coverage if a club member damages 3rd party property.
  - Provides \$100,000 coverage for fire damage to the premises rented by the club, but not for any other type of damage.
  - Provides legal defense.
  - Does not provide coverage if an error is made passing a message during an emergency because errors & omissions are not covered by liability insurance.
- Remaining questions:
  - Would our associate members be covered as well as our dues paying

- members?
- Would one member be protected from a claim by another member?
- Can Kensington be an additional insured?
- Is there blanket coverage for other additional insureds?
- The board passed a resolution to apply for the ARRL club insurance but we will also call for a vote of approval at the membership meeting.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

- The most recent version of our MOU has been given to fire chief Kevin James.
- Chief James would like CERT to be separated from KARO-ECHO in the MOU.
- The term of the current MOU is 5 years, amenable at any time.
- There have been several retirements in the El Cerrito Fire Department making it difficult for them to have time to work with us.
- A previous MOU from many years ago named EBARC as the responding ham radio group but the present MOU corrects this to name KARO-ECHO.
- The MOU specifies that KARO-ECHO is responsible for providing radios and antennas but who would install antennas on roofs is still being discussed.

### **Goals for the year**

- The list of goals for the year still needs to be worked on.
- Input from members about goals will be requested at the membership meeting.

### **Website “join” form**

- The present questions on our website “join” form should be reviewed to streamline the joining process.

### **In-person meeting location**

- A room in the Kensington Community Center will be available to us for in-person membership meetings pending our obtaining liability insurance.
- Hal will try joining the Monday Zoom membership meeting from the KCC to test how well it works.

### **Maintenance committee**

- Maintenance committee members should be able to be let into El Cerrito City Hall by Chief James.